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JOE FOSS  
GOVERNOR

PIERRE

### PROCLAMATION

On April 25, 1945 the soldiers of the American and Soviet Armies met at Torgoe on the Elbe River. The union symbolizes the approaching end of a bloody war and mankind's deliverance from the surge of Hitlerism. Ten years ago American and Soviet soldiers alike hoped that their meeting would introduce an era of lasting peace and get freedom for all people including the first victims of totalitarianism and despotism, the people of the Soviet Union. In the ten years since that Elbe meeting the Communist rulers have all but wiped out that hope. They have tried to destroy the bonds of brotherhood and understanding by preaching hatred of America.

Despite all this, American veterans as well as the American people realize that the vast majority of people in the Soviet Union, including the Soviet Armed Forces are not united by the war propaganda of its rulers and still want peace and friendly relations with the United States. Neither American nor Soviet veterans want World War II to be the prelude of another, more horrible war. In the conviction that the World War III is not unavoidable and that the faith that the American and Soviet fighting men shared when they met on the Elbe will yet be realized:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Foss, Governor of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 25, 1955, as

#### ELBE DAY

Let Elbe Day be observed in the memories of all who perished because of Hitlerism and as a constant reminder that neither peace nor liberty can be obtained anywhere in the world until our Soviet brothers-in-arms of World War II have gained freedom for themselves and for their fellow countrymen.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 23rd day of April, 1955.

ATTEST:

... Geraldine Ostroff .  
Secretary of State

... Joe Foss . . . . .  
Governor

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